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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP - MRS. CARTER'S SCHEDULE
REF: MONROVIA 1743

1. WHITE HOUSE STAFF WOULD LIKE FURTHER CLARIFICATION
ON SCENARIOS PROPOSED REFTTEL.

2. SCENARIO ONE: PLEASE PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON THE
PROMINENT LIBERIAN LADIES EXPECTED TO BE INVITED TO THE
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MRS. CARTER AND MRS. TOLBERT.
WE WOULD ALSO LIKE AN INDICATION OF THE TOPICS LIKELY
TO BE DISCUSSED. WHITE HOUSE STAFF WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO
SCHEDULE CULTURAL PROGRAM, WHICH OFFERS MUCH VISUAL INTER-
EST. PLEASE PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CULTURAL
TROUPE AND THE TYPE OF PROGRAM LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE.

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SHOULD THIS EVENT BE SCHEDULED, WE WOULD ANTICIPATE
A SUBSTANTIAL PRESS FOLLOWING. IS THE SITE ABLE TO
ACCOMMODATE A LARGE GROUP?

3; SCENARIO TWO: WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT WISH TO
SCHEDULE VISITS TO ALL THREE FACILITIES -- THE YOUTH
CENTER, CULTURAL FACTORY AND INDIGENT CHILDREN'S HOME --

HOWEVER THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER A VISIT TO ONE. PLEASE PROVIDE DESCRIPTIONS OF THESE SITES AND A RECOMMENDATION ON WHICH, IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, WOULD

BE THE MOST INTERESTING AND CULTURALLY INFORMATIVE TO MRS. CARTER. AGAIN, A LARGE PRESS CONTINGENT IS EXPECTED FOR THE TOUR AND POST SHOULD CONSIDER THE VISUAL IMPACT, AS WELL AS THE LOGISTICS OF MOVING A SIZEABLE GROUP, IN MAKING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. WOULD MRS. TOLBERT ACCOMPANY? ASSUME LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD DESIGNATE AN INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE BRIEFING ON FACILITY DURING TOUR?

4. PLEASE DECLINE THE OFFER OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

5. UPON CONFIRMATION OF MRS. CARTER'S SCHEDULE, POST SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. A BACKGROUND PAPER FOR THE DISCUSSIONS WITH LIBERIAN LADIES, IF SCHEDULED, WITH INFORMATION ON THE ISSUES LIKELY TO COME UP AND POINTS TO AVOID, IF ANY.

B. BRIEF BACKGROUND AND HIGHLIGHTS ON EACH PLACE OF HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, OR CEREMONIAL INTEREST MRS. CARTER WILL VISIT BOTH WITH THE PRESIDENT AND ON HER SEPARATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCHEDULE.

C. BRIEF BIO DATA ON THE INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM MRS. CARTER WILL MEET (OTHER THAN MRS. TOLBERT).

D. DETAILED SCENARIOS FOR EACH SEPARATE EVENT.

E. DRAFT PUBLIC REMARKS/TOAST, IF ANY ARE EXPECTED.

6. IN ADDITION, PLEASE PROVIDE BY MARCH 21, A BACKGROUND PAPER COVERING TOPICAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO LIBERIANS IN GENERAL. THIS PAPER WILL BE GIVEN TO MRS. CARTER AND MRS. VANCE. VANCE

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